

MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL
May 18, 2016 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Polk County River Place, Room 1
2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310
MEETING MINUTES

MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Teresa Bomhoff	Amber Lewis
Kenneth Briggs Jr.	Craig Matzke
Jim Chesnik (phone)	LeAnn Moskowitz
Jim Cornick	Donna Richard-Langer
Jim Donoghue	Brad Richardson
Kathleen Goines	Jim Rixner
Kris Graves	Lee Ann Russo
Michael Kaufmann	Christina Schark
Gary Keller	Dennis Sharp
Anna Killpack	Rhonda Shouse
Sharon Lambert	DJ Swope
Todd Lange (phone)	Tracy White

MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Julie Gfeller	Michele Tilotta
Julie Kalambokidis	Jennifer Vitko
Tammy Nyden	Kim Wilson
Lori Reynolds	

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Theresa Armstrong	Bureau Chief, Community Services and Planning, DHS
Carol Police	Family Member
Patrick Schmitz	Chair, MHDS Commission
Peter Schumacher	DHS, MHDS, Community Services & Planning

Chair Teresa Bomhoff called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led introductions. Quorum was established with nineteen members present and one participating by phone.

Approval of Minutes

Craig Matzke made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2016 meeting as presented. Ken Briggs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominations Committee – by Ken Briggs

Ken Briggs said that the Planning Council had three vacancies, and had an application from Todd Noack, who had been on the Planning Council before. Ken recommended the nomination of Todd Noack to the Planning Council to represent parents of children with an SED. Ken Briggs made a motion to approve the nomination of Todd Noack. Amber Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Monitoring and Oversight Committee – Jim Rixner

Jim Rixner thanked the committee for appointing him as the new chair and acknowledged the work of Jackie Dieckmann in her role as chair, and said he hoped he could step into her shoes and continue the work she had done as chair.

Jim expressed interest in having a role in the planning of how the money from the Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) is spent. Jim said that 70% of the MHBG funds are distributed to Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC), and those contracts are managed by Mary Mohrhauser. 25% of the funds are used for projects of statewide significance, and Jim expressed interest in examining those contracts and ensuring the contractors are meeting their deliverables.

Jim spoke about the CareMatch inpatient psychiatric bed-tracking system, and said it needs further definition. Jim expressed concern with the frequency with which the system is updated. Jim said the committee will continue to learn about the contracts and report back to the Council.

Sharon Lambert asked if the Department has a responsibility to report to the Council on the MHDS Regions. Jim answered that while it is not part of the scope of the Monitoring and Oversight Committee, he believes it would be a useful presentation for the Council to hear. Teresa Bomhoff said the Council has received updates on the Regions in the past.

Brad Richardson asked how many contractors there are and how many dollars are contracted out. Teresa Bomhoff answered that there are approximately \$1 million as part of the projects of statewide significance being paid to around half a dozen contractors.

Brad Richardson asked how the inpatient psychiatric bed-tracking system is accessed. Patrick Schmitz answered that the Department grants access to providers and stakeholders who need access to the web-based program.

There was a discussion on the CareMatch system and the obstacles in finding appropriate placement for individuals in crisis.

Craig Matzke spoke about his request for information about the MHBG contracts. He has received copies of all eight contracts as well as invoice tracking sheets, and procedures for the contracting process. Craig spoke about the number of trainers, family

trainers, supervisors, and support specialists and expressed concern about the efficiency of the training program.

There was a discussion about the process of requesting information from the Department.

Public Safety Workgroup Report – by Brad Richardson

Brad Richardson reported that the survey in Marshalltown is active, but they do not have data yet.

Craig Matzke said the committee sent a request to the Iowa Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association to speak about the survey which asks if the officer had an alternative to arresting a person, would they use it.

Craig said he had met with the Iowa Association of Community Providers (IACP) about the development of an online training modules for first responders. Craig said he has been searching for partner entities to assist with the online training module.

Children's Workgroup – Anna Killpack

Anna said that language on the recommendations from the Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Workgroup was included in SF 505, but had not yet been signed by the governor. The language includes funding for planning grants for Children's Crisis services as well as directs the Department to work with a foundation to conduct "Learning Labs" in several locations across the state. The legislation also directs the Department to have a Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Advisory Council to direct that work.

Legislative Workgroup – Teresa Bomhoff

Teresa said there was a guardianship and conservatorship project that was requested by the Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court. There are multiple workgroups that are addressing different aspects of guardianship.

Rhonda Shouse asked about issues guardians are having getting access to information to which they are entitled from Medicaid MCOs. LeAnn Moskowitz said MCOs have access to the Iowa Medicaid Provider Portal that contains documents related to guardianship and conservatorship. She said it was possible that Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) might need to do more training on where to find these documents, or it is possible that IME has not received guardianship documents from those members. Rhonda said she had heard about similar issues from IME Member Services.

There was a discussion on guardianship in Iowa.

Teresa spoke about the Conference Committee report from the Health and Human Services Budget Subcommittee.

Teresa presented NAMI's Legislative Priorities for the 2017 session.

Teresa presented two documents on "The Jackie Waiver" and "The Jackie Skip". The Jackie Waiver would allow for long term placement of individuals into a subacute facility, and The Jackie Skip would skip placement in jail in the involuntary commitment process, and would require a person to be placed in a treatment setting rather than a jail setting.

There was a discussion on the involuntary commitment process and reforms in the mental health crisis system.

Jim Rixner made a motion to sign onto The Jackie Waiver and The Jackie Skip. Anna Killpack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Jim Donoghue abstaining.

Sharon Lambert asked if the Council would like to meet every month rather than every other month in order to do more committee work. Craig Matzke said that doing work by phone is not the same as an in-person meeting, and that he would suggest that the meetings of the Planning Council be short, and allow time for committee work.

Anna Killpack made a motion to have monthly meetings for committee work. Sharon Lambert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:22 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peter Schumacher